

An indicator composition for ethylene oxide gas comprising 4-(4-nitrobenzyl)pyridine, nitrocellulose, a basic substance, and, optionally, a blue coloring agent is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,094,642. The indicator composition, when exposed to ethylene oxide gas,

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as follows:

1.(amended) A device for monitoring sterilization with ethylene oxide comprising:
at least one layer of polymer, having incorporated therein

- a) an indicator capable of undergoing at least one color change
- b) an activator for said indicator, said activator having an anion and a monovalent cation, which, when contacted with ethylene oxide, undergoes a reaction wherein the product of said reaction causes said indicator to undergo said color change.

9.(amended) The device of Claim 8 wherein said polymer is a polymer of styrene, acrylate, acrylic acid, acrylamide, vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohol, vinyl chloride, [styrene] or a mixture thereof.